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All research workers in genealogy and biography who have occasion to consult the standard biographical dictionaries realize very soon the many omissions in even the most comprehensive of such works and recognize the necessity of supplementing them with other works which furnish information, however brief, about the persons whose names were omitted from the more general works. Such excellent compilations as the *Dictionary of National Biography* and Appleton's *Cyclopedia of American Biography*, from the very nature of the case omit more names than they include, since they furnish information about well known individuals only and omit those who were obscure or had only a local or very special celebrity. If the desired biographical data about such individuals are to be found, something more than the general biographical dictionaries must be consulted. For such cases the various college biographical catalogues and alumni lists often furnish "first aid" and sometimes provide the full information desired.

The college biographical dictionary is by no means a new type of reference book. Perhaps the most famous book of this class is Anthony à Wood's *Athenæ Oxonienses*, first published in 1690-91, and revised and supplemented in later editions. To the value of that early work the many references to it as source material in the great *Dictionary of National Biography* bear eloquent witness. Of only less value is the companion work on early Cambridge graduates, Cooper's *Athenæ Cantabrigienses*, first issued in 1857, and completed by the publication of an index volume in 1913. Although the *Dictionary of National Biography* has been compiled since the publication of the *Athenæ Cantabrigienses* in 1857, Cooper's work is by no means superseded as a reference tool since by actual count it contains data on some 700 Cambridge graduates of the sixteenth and early seventeenth century whose names are not included in the larger general work.

American colleges have not been backward in the publication of biographical data of their graduates, as the various "General Catalogues," "Biographical Directories," "Alumni Lists" recorded below will show. Unfortunately the same degree of fulness of data and excellence of articles is not always attained or even attempted. Such lists vary from the brief alumni directory of some new western college which attempts merely to record the name, year of graduation and address of each alumnus, to the very detailed and satisfactory biographies included in the six imposing volumes of Mr. Franklin B. Dexter's *Yale Biographies and Annals*. Yet even the more meagre list has its use,

and the reference library which has an extended collection of such catalogues and directories is in the possession of a reference tool of great value in biographical and genealogical research.

The present list of such publications is based upon a collection which during the past two years has been formed in the General Reading Room of Columbia University, supplemented by certain titles supplied through the courtesy of the Library of the Bureau of Education at Washington. It includes 152 titles representing 123 American and Canadian colleges and universities, and while comprehensive makes no claim to completeness. As it is intended as a preliminary check list it gives only brief information about each title and does not attempt to supply full cataloguing information. Date of publication has been given to indicate how recent the information is and pagination to show the extent of the work, and the asterisk is used to differentiate lists which contain some biographical data, however meagre, from those which are merely directories of names and classes.

The compiler of the list will be very glad to receive information about additional titles not included in her list, with a view to adding them in a later edition.

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